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Outbreak of Bird Flu
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidence of bird flu is on the increase in some parts of the country during the post-monsoon season in 2016;

(b) if so, the details of the incidences of outbreak of bird flu in various parts of the country;

(c) whether any casualties have been reported on account of bird flu outbreak in various parts of the country and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has issued any health advisory to the people to protect themselves against bird flu infection and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken by the Government for culling of infected birds, etc. to curb the spread of the disease?

Answer

(a) and (b). The outbreaks of Avian Influenza have been reported from National Zoological Park, New Delhi, Gandhi Zoological Park, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Alappuzha and Kottayam districts of Kerala, Rajpura in Patiala district of Punjab, Hissar in Haryana, Bellary district in Karnataka, Khordha and Sundergarh districts in Odisha, Ahmedabad in Gujarat and Daman in Daman & Diu during the months of October, 2016 to January, 2017. The details of outbreaks reported after monsoon season are given in Annexure.
(c) No case or death due to human avian influenza has been reported in the country.
(d) For the recent outbreak of Avian Influenza H5N8, advisory has been issued to all the States/UTs by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. For managing the outbreak of Avian Influenza H5N1, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare has a contingency plan which has been shared with all the States and UTs.
(e) For Control and Containment of Avian Influenza, the Government has an action plan on 'Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza', according to which all poultry population in one km radius of epicenter is culled so as to prevent the spread of the disease. In the aforesaid outbreaks of bird flu, the control and containment measures were carried out promptly and the disease was controlled at the source in the outbreaks. The control and containment operation is over at all the epicenters. The Post Operation Surveillance Plan (POSP) is in progress.